

## FARMERS AND RAILROADS IN CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

Enthusiastic Meeting at Ardmore on Wednesday.—Looks for Closer Relations Between Farmer and Transportation Companies.

Ardmore, Oct. 14.—Preliminary steps were taken yesterday at a meeting of the Farmers' Union of Mannsville, sec. of the farmers' co-operative union, to effect a union organization between the farmers, merchants and railroad men of Oklahoma to promote their mutual interests. The meeting was quite generally attended by representatives of farmers organizations and by railroad officials. E. Emerson, of Calumet, Oklahoma, served as chairman of the meeting, which was rather informal in its nature.

A committee consisting of Mr. Emerson, M. T. Norton and T. H. Beacom, general manager of the Rock Island, was selected to prepare for a subsequent gathering, at which time a permanent organization will be effected. This meeting will be held at some central point in Oklahoma at an early date. The representatives of the Farmers' Union explained that it was their desire to effect an organization with which the transportation systems are connected to work in the direction of promoting a better business understanding between the great agricultural and transportation industries of the State; it being their feeling that much of the misunderstanding which has existed may be cleared away. Mr. Norton explained that the organization which he represented desired to effect an organization through which men identified with each industry may secure dependable information as to the needs and plans of the other, in order that representatives of either industry shall not be misled by inaccurate information. The representatives of the railroad companies assured Mr. Norton and his associates that they will be glad to join with any practical movement the farmers' organizations may suggest to accomplish the desired results. The steps taken are expected to result in a much larger meeting, at which mutual problems of the industries identified will be discussed in greater detail. At the conference yesterday detailed matters were not taken up, it being then agreed that it was best to first reach a basis for a more attended conference, and to consider a plan of organization that will provide the necessary machinery to secure and distribute reliable information that will be mutually helpful.

The officers of the Farmers' Union in attendance are given as follows: O. W. Taylor, Roff, president. J. B. Stickley, Butler, vice president.

M. T. Norton, Mannsville, secretary and treasurer.

The following representatives of railroads were also in attendance:

Santa Fe—

J. R. Koonits, general freight agent, Topeka.

C. C. Dana, industrial commissioner, Chicago.

Edward Raymond, general superintendent, Newton, Kansas.

W. K. Etter, superintendent Oklahoma division, Arkansas City, Kans.

W. E. Maxwell, general superintendent, Galveston.

J. F. Jarrell, publicity agent, Topeka.

Rock Island—

C. B. Sloat, general passenger agent, Little Rock.

T. H. Beacom, general manager, El Reno, Okla.

H. F. Reddig, superintendent, Halyville, Okla.

M. K. & T.—

C. N. Whitehead, assistant to receiver, St. Louis.

W. E. Williams, general manager, Parsons, Kans.

Z. G. Hopkins, publicity agent, St. Louis.

Frisco—

R. P. Elrod, agricultural agent, Sherman, Texas.

## RAILROAD SET A PRECEDENT.

The voluntary action of the Santa Fe Railway company in acknowledging the responsibility for the terrible Ardmore disaster is believed by observers to be the first instance on record where a railroad or any other public service corporation has voluntarily assumed responsibility for damages in such a sum and offered reparation for the damage done. The matter will cost the Santa Fe more than a million dollars, not considering death claims.

## WORKING ON PLANS FOR NEW COLLEGE DORMITORY

\$25,000 Required for Improvement, and 25 Expansion Club Has Become Interested.—Must Raise Ten Thousand of Amount Locally.

If \$10,000 can be raised locally, a new \$35,000 dormitory for the Oklahoma Presbyterian College for Girls can undoubtedly be built, the remaining \$25,000 to be provided by outside means. Such is the gist of a communication received today by President Morrison from Dr. S. L. Morris, secretary of the Home Missions for the Presbyterian Church, and a firm friend of the local institution.

Officials of the school have for some time realized that in order for the school to obtain the desired standard and to be of the most value to this community educationally, more and better quarters must be provided, and Dr. Morris' letter seems to open the way.

The 25 Expansion Club, a local commercial organization, has become interested in the matter and will undertake to devise plans to assist in raising the amount required from local people.

President Morrison, when seen by a representative of the News, said that, although the enrollment this year is smaller than was anticipated, the limited accommodations crowd the students, preventing the most favorable work.

## BELIEVES REPUBLICANS ARE GOING TO WIN

The secretary of the National Republican committee, who visited Oklahoma City the other day, freely predicted that his party will be successful both in this State and in the Nation in 1916, and he assigns as the chief reason that practically all the influential Moosers, who quit the Republican party in 1912, have "come back home" and that his party will present a solid front to the enemy. In referring to the present National administration the secretary admitted that an enviable record had been made and that President Wilson is probably the strongest man in the United States today.

## LOOKS BAD FOR THE ALLIES

This week's turn in the European war makes things look bad for the Allies of the Quadruple Entente. The Austro-Germans beat the Allies to Serbia, where they bombarded the country and captured important places, the Serbs offering stubborn resistance, the while. Tuesday Bulgarians, whose troops had been mobilized, made an attack along the Serbian frontier, making Serbia the victim of an attack both "fore and aft" and it is doubtful if Serbia will escape a fate even worse than that meted out to Belgium. Roumania is momentarily expected to butt into the scrap on the side of the Allies, while Greece, ignoring treaty obligations, has kept neutral.

The Turks, encouraged by the advent of the Bulgars into the fight on their side, have renewed their Armenian massacres with renewed savagery, and the Armenian people are being literally effaced from the Earth by the murderous Turks. Reports from both the British and French governments do not deny that the cause of the Allies looks hard hit.

## COURT OF INQUIRY

A court of inquiry was held this week at the court house to investigate alleged numerous violations of the law near Kenefick, especially those of gambling and peddling whiskey. About two dozen witnesses were examined, and several warrants were issued, but as they have not been served, the names are necessarily withheld.

## DECISION FAVORS EMPLOYERS

A decision of the Criminal court of appeals handed down by Judge Armstrong, holds that the Oklahoma law, making it a misdemeanor for employers of labor to force their employees to sign contracts not to enter labor unions is unconstitutional.

## HUGO CONSUMERS ON METER

The Hugo Hansonian is authority for the assertion that the city council of that city will immediately place on meters every user of city water, and make them pay for the water actually consumed. The rates are flat, there being no difference in charge to big or small consumers. There is also no minimum monthly charge, each person paying for what water is actually consumed.

## RICE'S "DOOMED" SALE

Theo. Rice's "Doomed" Sale, to advertise which a double-page spread has been used in the current issue of the News, opens at nine o'clock Friday morning, and lasts for fourteen days. The sale has been inaugurated for the purpose of liquidating the stock of merchandise in to cash to realize \$6,000 within the fourteen days time limit. The sale is under the personal supervision of Jack London, an experienced sales promoter, who promises one of the biggest merchandising events in the history of the community. Real values will be forgotten and prices will be made that will without doubt move the stock in a hurry.

## BROOKS-WHALE WEDDING

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, at the Baptist Church, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. John Franklin Brooks and Miss Isabelle Agnes

Whale, both of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. N. Edwards, and there was present a large number of invited guests. The ceremony was an elaborate one, the ring ceremony being used. Immediately after the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Brooks left for points in South Texas on their wedding trip. The groom is the local manager for the Duke & Ayres store, and in his four years residence here has established an excellent reputation. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Whale and has been reared in this city, and is a young lady of talents and accomplishments.

Invitations have been received in the city announcing the marriage of Miss Jo Ella Clower to Mr. Roy Albert Riddell, on Wednesday afternoon, October 20, at 1:30 o'clock, at the First Christian church, Caddo, Oklahoma.

## Take A Pleasure Trip Through Our Store Now

From the way everybody seemed to enjoy the "Glad to show you" week and the way they're coming back we believe you'll enjoy a trip through the different departments of our newly remodelled and refinished store—especially so if you've not been here, and

*by all means come early*

for everything from cotton fabrics to shoe leather is advancing and we're all paying more for re-orders—The splendid stocks we're now showing was bought on war price basis, when everything was at its lowest price, bought for cash, too, and selling for cash, this large volume of merchandise under one roof, we're able to make prices on well selected up-to-date goods you cannot find on the ordinary kind much less the desirable patterns and styles.

## Between Four and Five Hundred New Boys' Suits

at \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$10.00 came in the last ten days and the way the boys as well as their parents are taking to them would indicate we are right in price as well as selection

## The \$4 and \$5 School Suits

with two pairs of knickerbockers seems to have hit the bull's eye for genuine values.  
(SEE THIS WEEK'S EAST WINDOW)

## Our Men's Department To The Front

In New Suits, Overcoats, Rain Coats and the snappiest assortments of Stetson and No-Name Hats, New Shirts, Ties and Collars, also a large assortment of Munsing Underwear that will please those particular about underwear.

## Take a Trip Through Our New Store It Will Interest You In Many Ways

**DURANT Mercantile Co**  
GOOD THINGS TO WEAR

## DISTRICT COURT AT WORK ON HEAVY CIVIL SETTING

Has Been Unable to Keep Up With Docket, But is Still Grinding Ahead.—Result of Case of the Week Briefly Told.

District Court has fallen way behind on its civil docket, but has been grinding away all the week and several cases have been disposed of. The court will require more time than was anticipated, and it is highly probable that the court fund will be exhausted before the end of the year.

Results of the cases tried this week are as follows:

Susie Thompson, minor, B. A. McKinney, guardian, vs. W. G. Clark. Defendant had bought from plaintiff time certificate of deposit amounting to \$999.00, and plaintiff wished deal invalidated, charging incompetence. Verdict for defendant. Attorneys for plaintiff, McPherrin and Cochran; Utterback & MacDonald, and C. P. Abbott; for defendant, Hatchett & Ferguson.

J. C. Brown vs. First National Bank of Kenefick. Plaintiff charged damages as result of check on which payment was refused. Verdict for defendant. Plaintiff's attorneys, A. P. Sloan, J. V. Connell; attorneys for defendant, Hays & McIntosh.

Watson Carter vs. Charles Brashers and W. H. Attaway. Possession of land; verdict for defendant. Attorneys for plaintiff, Hatchett & Ferguson; for defendant, McPherrin & Cochran.

W. J. Moore vs. Receivers of the Frisco Ry. Co. Suit for damages for loss of cattle in transit. Verdict for defendant. Plaintiff's attorneys, Utterback & MacDonald; for defendant, McPherrin & Cochran.

Mrs. L. D. Horton vs. Norman Miller. Suit under mortgage. Verdict for plaintiff. Plaintiff's attorneys, McPherrin & Cochran; for defendant, J. M. Crook.

Conover & Luke vs. Beard & Lewis. Suit to recover under land sale. Judgment for \$1500 for plaintiff. Attorneys for defendant, Hatchett & Ferguson.

Lumina Cotton Gin Co. vs. Short, Haynes, Collier and McKelreath. In this case there was a judgment for plaintiff in the sum of \$187.00. Attorneys for plaintiff, Hatchett & Ferguson; for defendants, Utterback & MacDonald.

## RECEIVERSHIP WILL NOT RETARD DURANT'S DEPOT

So Say High Katy Officials Here Tuesday.—Were En Route to Ardmore to Meet With Farmers Union and Other Railroad Officials.

The receivership of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway Company will in no wise retard the building of the Katy-Frisco Union Depot at Durant, according to Vice President C. N. Whitehead and General Manager W. E. Williams, of the M. K. & T. Ry. Co., who were in the city Tuesday. Messrs. Whitehead and Williams, accompanied by Z. G. Hopkins, the company's publicity agent, were here en route to Ardmore, where they met Wednesday with representatives of other Oklahoma roads, and the State Organization of the Farmers Union, to discuss matters calculated to bring about a better understanding between the farmers and the railroads.

In referring to the meeting, Mr. Williams said: "The railroads cannot get along without the farmers, and the farmers, on the other hand, cannot get along without the railroads. They are therefore interdependent, and the success of the former is necessary to the success of the latter. The farmers who produce the crops that make the tonnage, and the railroads who must haul the tonnage to pay the dividends, must co-operate to the fullest extent, if both are to be successful in full measure."

Mr. Whitehead, who paid his first visit to Durant, said: "You have a live little city. Your merchants show that they are up to the minute and going after the business, as evidenced by the advertising they are carrying in the newspapers. You have a splendid country surrounding your city, which should become a community of great prosperity."

Referring again to the receivership, Mr. Williams said that President Schaff, of the Katy, who has been made sole receiver for the system, is in entire sympathy with the policies of the company prior to the receivership, and, while not bound to do so, intends carrying out the obligation of the company as regards the Durant Union Depot.

## OKLAHOMA ROAD SHOWING POOR BY COMPARISON

Falls Way Below the Average of All Other States in Many Lines of Road Work, and is Tail-End in Some Others.

The report of the United States Department covering the approximate expenditures for highways in the States of the United States, during the year 1914, which has just been issued, is enlightening in many ways, an interesting when the progress of the various States in this was compared.

## Local Funds Expended.

During that year \$174,035.053 was expended in the United States, of local funds in road building for townships, counties and districts. The average for each State was \$3,825,750. Oklahoma fell below the average, having expended \$3,375,000. Only three other States fell below Oklahoma, viz: Nevada, New Mexico and Wyoming. Indiana led with expenditures of \$13,258.76.

## Surfaced Roads.

During the period of time or rather at the end of the period, there were in the United States 247,490 miles of surfaced roads, an average of 5,156 miles to the State, while Oklahoma was reported as having but 500 miles of surfaced roads. Only seven States fall behind Oklahoma in this respect, viz: Arizona, Delaware, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, South Dakota and Wyoming. Ohio leads with 23,312 miles of surfaced roads.

## Percentage of Surfaced Roads

Over the entire Nation the percentage of all roads surfaced was 10.9 per cent, while Oklahoma falls to 7 per cent, almost one sixteenth as great as the average of all other States. Rhode Island leads in this respect as 58.8 per cent of all her roads are surfaced. Only four States fall below Oklahoma in percentage of surfaced roads, viz: Montana, Nevada, Nebraska and North Dakota.

## State Aid Roads Built.

During that year there were 6,805 miles of State roads built in the United States. Oklahoma was among the twenty-one States that built no State aid roads during that period. During the same period of time 39,988 miles of roads were maintained by States and State aid in the United States. Oklahoma was among the thirty States where no roads were maintained by the State or with State aid.

## Total Road Expenditures.

Up until January 1st, 1915, there had been expended in the entire country the stupendous sum of \$211,859,163 for road work, an average of \$4,413,733 per State. Oklahoma spent \$20,329 in the work, less than one half of one per cent of the average for all States. New York State led with expenditures of \$82,638,729, and Kansas brought up the rear with \$29,000 and the only State to fall below Oklahoma.

## State Money Available.

In the entire country there was \$54,84,007 available in State funds for road work, an average of \$1,143,418 per capita. In Oklahoma only \$15,000 was available. Of the States which had State money for this purpose only two are behind Oklahoma, to-wit: West Virginia and Wyoming, while in the States where no State funds were available at.

The facts given herein are not published as a "knock" or a "roast," but merely to enlighten the readers of The News as to how Oklahoma compares with other States (some of them newer States) in good road work.

## RAISED FEED ON OAT STUBBLE.

Ed Love of near Mead has brought to The New office some very fine samples of kaffir corn and Fenerita, which were both grown on oat stubble after the oats has been cut off. Mr. Love says that as soon as the oats was off the ground he planted his forage crop and will get better yields of both varieties than in former years when he planted early.

## ARRESTED AT KENEFICK

Deputy Dave Wright Tuesday arrested at Kenefick one John Murphy, charged with violation of the prohibition law. Murphy was brought to this city and placed in jail. Three more whisky cases have been filed against Tom Wells, of Kenefick, and five cases against old man Booker. These arrests resulted from the court of inquiry held here this week.

Fall plowing over the county seems to have started in earnest since the rain Tuesday, which put the soil in fine shape for working. In many parts of the county the ground was too hard to plow until the rain came.